

Loser Joe Lieberman Receives Moonie Award

by Scott Thompson

During the Nov. 5 elections, Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.), former chairman of the organized crime-funded Democratic Leadership Council (founded by Wall Street hedge-fund operator Michael Steinhardt), lost more than any other Democrat. Not only did 8 out of 11 of the DLC-backed Senate candidates for whom Lieberman campaigned, lose; the whole DLC wing of the Democratic Party lost. Lieberman also lost the Chairmanship of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, which he has used as a bully pulpit to push war against Islamic nations, the Homeland Security Department, and domestic Gestapo schemes.

Perhaps it was just to cheer an old pal up, that the Moonie front group, Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation (VCMF), on Nov. 12 named Joe Lieberman as one of its three annual winners of the “Truman-Reagan Freedom Award.” Lieberman did not show up—not surprising since he has been refusing calls from the media since Nov. 5; but sent his wife Hadassah Freilich Lieberman to pick up the Moonie award in his stead.

No Mistake: VCMF Run by Moonies

This was no misunderstanding, although there are 30 single-spaced pages of Moonie front groups. Lieberman has been prominently featured by another Moonie group, the Empowerment Leadership Roundtable, headed by longtime Moonie hireling and former aide to Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp, David Capara.

In the case of the VCMF, there are two Moonie functionaries running the show, despite an otherwise “stellar” board of directors and advisers. The President of VCMF, who is very much hands-on, is “Old Right” leader Lee Edwards, who goes way back with Moonie to the political and operational intelligence outfit known as the World Anti-Communist League (WACL), which featured William F. Buckley’s “Boys from Brazil.” It was Buckley who viciously savaged moderate Connecticut Republican Sen. Lowell Weicker, winning Lieberman an upset election to the Senate in 1988.

As even John McCaslin reported in the Moonie *Washington Times* on Nov. 11, VCMF President Lee Edwards’s “day job” is to produce *The World and I* by Rev. Sun Myung Moon. The other Moonie hireling within VCMF is its “public liaison officer” Lorraine Ambrose-Boothby, who is the society page reporter for the *Washington Times*.

As Lee Edwards boasts, the VCMF was created by act of Congress signed by President Bill Clinton in 1993 as Public



The award of the Victims of Communism Memorial Fund, a Unification Church—Moonie—run organization, is given to Sen. Joseph Lieberman, and accepted by his wife, Hadassah, on Nov. 12.

Law 103-109. The Senate co-sponsors on this no-debate bill were Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) and Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.). In the House, it was “Buckleyite” Phil Crane (R-Conn.) and Frank Torricelli (D-N.J.). It was Crane who made sure that Federal land near the Capitol Mall be given for a memorial.

EIR is investigating how two Moonies became key players in this VCMF, and how what started as a memorial to more than 100 million victims of Communism, became transformed into a political intelligence operation. Moonie Edwards told *EIR* that the VCMF would begin setting up Federal Councils in every major city, starting with Pittsburgh, to raise funds in order to break ground for a VCMF Museum by 2007. In any event, VCMF has become what Project Democracy’s Oliver North called a “quango” (quasi-autonomous non-governmental organization).

Apart from Lieberman and Crane, the other honorees were the Hon. Hae Yung Chung, aged 88, winner of a “Free-Enterprise Award,” and described by VCMF as “one of the most powerful men politically and economically in South Korea”; and, British-style “liberal economic “reformer,” former Prime Minister of Hungary, Viktor Orbán, who also got a “Truman-Reagan Freedom Award.” A representative from the White House read a letter from President George Bush which, after praising Lee Edwards, cited how, today, “2 billion people still live under the tyranny of Communism.” Edwards, in his keynote speech, focussed on China and Cuba as present-day Communist states that must be saved.

On the VCMF Boards, Edwards boasted of the “Big Three”: former Trilateral Commission executive director and boss of the Carter Administration, Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski; British asset Robert Conquest, now a Research Fellow at the Hoover Institution; and VCMF Chairman Paula Jon Dobriansky, who has served in numerous positions in government, including the Reagan National Security Council. Edwards said the International Advisory Board included ten former Communist bloc Presidents and Prime Ministers. It features British intelligence-linked Brian Crozier, who wrote in his autobiography, *Free Agent*, that he had worked with British Foreign Office operations to destroy the U.S. Constitution.